

Human Services Advisory Committee

Minutes of January 16, 2013 Meeting

Present: Ethel Mantzaris (YSB), chair; Sara Anderson (Advocates for Children); Ron Baker (Member At Large); Dexter Eddy (Housing Authority); Fred Goetz (Advisory Comm. on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities); Bev Korba (Senior Center); Victoria Nimirowski (WAIM); Joan Terry (Comm. on Aging); Kevin Grunwald (Staff)
Absent: Lorraine Kenowski (Member At Large)

The minutes of the December 19, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

Bev Korba and Joan Terry told the Committee members that they had a good meeting with Cindy Dainton in an effort to work more closely with the groups we represent. Bev attended the meeting of the Senior Center Association and plans to attend future meetings.

Highlights – Kevin reported the following activity for the department.

- Kevin reported that he is working with the Town Manager and others to find what steps can be taken in Mansfield to build community and offer support to parents. We discussed our individual reactions to the horror. Hopefully we can identify things that will be helpful to focus on in Mansfield, i.e. prevention measures.
- Kevin is beginning work on next year's department budget. He will request a part-time staff position in Youth Services.
- Youth Services will begin a grief counseling support group soon.
- Senior Services has received the long-awaited van and volunteer drivers are being recruited.
- The job description for the Senior Services Worker has been referred to the Council Personnel Committee for consideration.
- A grant is being prepared for submission to support the Early Childhood program.
- The Mentorship program at the Middle School is working well.

Non-Profit Funding Requests – Nine agencies have submitted requests to the Town of Mansfield for budget support in 2013-2014. All of the Committee members agreed to review at least one request and the results will be submitted at our next meeting.

Recommendations Regarding this Committee's Future – We discussed the original proposal from the Town Council regarding the purpose and membership composition of the Committee. Several suggestions were made for minor changes. We will discuss this matter further at our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Terry, secretary

**Next Meeting
February 20**